

REMARKS

Please note the fact that November 18, 2007 fell on a Sunday, ensuring that this paper is timely filed within the two month shortened statutory period as of today, November 19, 2007, the next succeeding business day.

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort afforded the instant application. On October 5, 2007, Applicant's counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner in which the instant application was discussed. No agreement, however, was reached with respect to the claims.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17-29 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Of these claims, claims 1, 7, 19 and 24-29 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17-29 were rejected and the rejection made final. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections present in the outstanding Office Action in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 13 stands objected to for failing to provide an antecedent basis for the claimed limitation "transferring the protected key". In response, Applicants have amended claim 13 to clearly indicate that the key in the above quoted limitation is the key recited in the antecedent portion of the claim. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

It should be noted, however, that this amendment is not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability of the claims, but merely to expedite prosecution, and that Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim. Applicants respectfully reserve their right to pursue this claim and others in on or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 17-19 and 24-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,993,658) (hereinafter "Engberg") in further view of Traversat et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0152299) (hereinafter "Traversat") and further in view of Bryson (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0185777) (hereinafter "Bryson"). Claims 4, 11 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engberg, Traversat, Bryson and further in view of Lincke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,253,326) (hereinafter "Lincke"). Claims 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engberg, Traversat, Bryson and further in view of Lewis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,565) (hereinafter "Lewis"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

Applicants' previously submitted remarks of July 5, 2007, remain applicable here and are therefore incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein. In the present response, Applicants undertake to point out several large differences between the instantly claimed application and the art of record. For the sake of brevity, Applicants

refrain at this time from including extensive remarks regarding all points of disagreement with the Examiner and instead submit these more focused remarks essentially addressing Bryson, as all the outstanding 103(a) rejections depend upon the teachings of Bryson. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to elaborate upon these remarks, addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejections in the outstanding Office Action, and in any event Applicants' abbreviated remarks should not be construed as agreement with any of the Examiner's positions as stated in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the addition of Bryson adds nothing to the Office's previous action. In fact, Bryson teaches away from the instantly claimed invention, as will be made clear below. Bryson is directed to access control information stored at a gateway, not on a user's device, for determining whether the user or device can use the gateway to increase connectivity, e.g., a device with short range can be proxied over a device with longer range. *Bryson*, Abstract. Thus Bryson is starkly different from the instantly claimed invention in at least two regards.

First, Bryson teaches access to the gateway for communication per se, i.e., increasing bandwidth, not for obtaining access credentials for a plurality of other services. As has been repeatedly explained, one of the "main points" of the instantly claimed invention is to allow different devices to share the same credentials through a personal authentication gateway integrated onto one of the user's devices. Thus, the gateway would essentially hold the credentials for different services and share them with all of a user's devices. For example, once a cell phone has registered with the gateway, it can get the user's account information for email, stock quotes, etc., without needing to

obtain credentials for these services in and of itself; rather, it could obtain them from another of the user's devices (i.e. the one holding the credentials for other registered devices). Bryson (nor any of the other references) simply does not teach this.

Second, Bryson clearly does not teach “wherein said gateway is integrated on a combined pervasive device.” *Office Action*, page 4. As an initial matter, the Examiner is reminded that “said gateway” is defined in the claim as “comprising at least one token server application” and “integrated on a combined pervasive device.” Claim 1. Splitting the various characteristics of the gateway into separate references is dubious at best and constitutes an improper combination of references. Moreover, even if Bryson is cited simply as teaching “wherein said gateway is integrated on a combined pervasive device”, Bryson does not teach that. Instead, Bryson teaches that “[f]or example, a user in the vicinity of a portable wireless gateway [108] may purchase an access card that carries a user name and password for accessing the portable wireless gateway [108] and associated communication networks.” *Bryson*, [0078]. Thus, the “portable wireless gateway [108]” is obviously not integrated onto one of the user's devices. Moreover, after considering that Bryson teaches “[p]ortable gateways [108] may be installed in, for example, *arenas, hospital campuses, college campuses, industrial campuses, convention centers, emergency sites, trains, buses, ships, airplanes, or any other location where there is a temporary or permanent demand for communications connectivity*”, it is impossible to conclude that Bryson could teach “*wherein said gateway is integrated on a combined pervasive device*”, as recited in the independent claims. *Id.* Even further, it is difficult to find any teaching, suggestion or motivation, of any kind whatsoever, to combine Bryson

with the other references. Bryson deals with increasing bandwidth connectivity, not with easing secured access to a user operating multiple pervasive devices.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Engberg, Traversat, Bryson, Lincke, Lewis, or any other art the Examiner has cited or made of record teach or suggest, in any way, that a personal authentication gateway, that automatically distributes tokens to other authorized/registered pervasive devices of the user, for the purpose of gaining access to a plurality of programs, may be integrated onto a user's device (i.e., the combined device) so as to allow easy and convenient access to all the user's registered devices to a plurality of programs, as is clearly recited in the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instantly claimed invention is patentable for at least the above discussed reasons.

Request for Telephone Interview

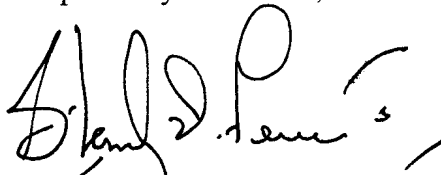
If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so that any such issues may be dealt with expeditiously.

Conclusion

The "prior art made of record" has been reviewed. Applicants acknowledge that such prior art was not deemed by the Office to be sufficiently relevant as to have been applied against the claims of the instant application. To the extent that the Office may apply such prior art against the claims in the future, Applicants will be fully prepared to respond thereto.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17-29, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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